plied Polyester Staple Fibre by BRPL for manufacture of yarn/cloth. The above mills are located at Rangiya, Jagi Road, Bijni and Tihu.

One more spinning unit at Boitamari which was earlier in the District of Goalpara but now in Dist. Bongaigaon after a new district Bongaigaon has been created, is coming up which will also use BRPL fibre.

Separate Ration Cards for supply of Sugar

3054. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to issue separate ration cards to those who buy only sugar from fair price shops and not other items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to poor quality of rice and wheat available at fair price shops, the general public is reluctant to buy these items from fair price shops; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) FCI issues rice and wheat of fair average quality to State Governments and U. T. Administrations, which in turn administer the further distribution of the commodities through fair price shops. Large quantities of wheat and rice of the order of 14 million tonnes are generally lifted by public through fair price shops, annually. The Central Government, has however, requested the State Governments/UT Administrations to tighten supervision to ensure that proper quality of wheat and rice reaches all consumers.

[Translation]

Microwave Linkage of Rajkot and Ahmedabad with other Kendras

3055. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for microwave linkage of Rajkot and Ahmedabad television relay centres with other television relay centres of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard think ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Requests have been received from the Government of Gujarat for linking the TV transmitters in Gujarat including the one at Rajkot, to Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad for relay of regional service programmes.

(b) and (c) It had been decided to introduce regional TV service in Gujarat via satellite. This was initially planned to be achieved during INSAT-II time frame, i. e., (1993-95) on availability of facility in the space

segment but arrangements have now been made to introduce this service in an earlier time frame.

Setting up of some Industry in Khagaria, Bihar

3056. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to set up some industry in Khagaria, Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, as per the New Industrial Policy, industrial licensing has been abolished for all projects except for a short list of industries related to security and strategic concerns etc. The Policy indicates that appropriate incentives and design of investments in infrastructural development will be used to promote the dispersal of industry particularly to rural and backward areas and reduce congestion in cities.

[English]

Quantity of major items allotted to Maharashtra

3057. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of major items under the Public Distribution System allotted to Maharashtra during 1990-91;

(b) the quantity of each actually released during 1990-91;

(c) the quantity actually lifted by the State during 1990-91;

(d) whether the unlifted balance, if any is available for 1991-92; and

(e) the quantity allotted for 1991-92 for Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The quantities of rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oil and kerosene allotted to and lifted by Maharashtra Government in 1990-91 for distribution through the Public Distribution System (PDS) are as under:—

(in thousand tonnes)

Commodity	Allotted (1990-91)	Lifted (1990-91)
Rice	559	543
Wheat	1200	1131
Levy sugar	368	*
Imported edible oil	120	107
Kerosene	1481	1494

*Lifting of levy sugar is normally near 100%.

(d) PDS allocations which remain unlifted lapse at the end of the month. Revalidation or extension in period of validity of the unlifted quota, however, is given on requests from State Governments/UT Administrations on merits. There is, however, on such provision in the case of kerosene.

(e) The quantities of the above items allotted to Maharashtra in the first 5 months of 1991-92 (April-August, 1991) are as under:—